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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

(Collection first Tuesday in November, 1890.)

For Governor:

**JOHN P. BUCHANAN,**  
of Rutherford County.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1890.

Hon. Lewis T. Baxter.

Hon. LEWIS T. BAXTER, the Republican nominee for Governor of the State of Tennessee, is placed in rather an awkward position to conscientiously prosecute his canvass before the people of this grand old Commonwealth.

Mr. BAXTER, like the more intelligent and honest Republicans of the South, is opposed to the Federal election bill, or force bill, now pending in the Republican Congress. Mr. BAXTER knows that his party leaders in Congress offer the bill as an insult to southern people and intended to perpetuate the Republicans in power by interference in the elections of the southern States and establish therein negro domination. He knows the passage of the bill will open afresh race troubles in the southern States, and ruin the business and industrial prosperity of the South. Mr. BAXTER is bitterly opposed to the passage of the bill by Congress, but a resolution of the State Republican platform upon which he was nominated as the candidate of his party, favors the passage of the election bill. The convention that made the nomination was opposed to the bill, but the corrupt bosses of the party urged the resolution because it is the only plan that can be adopted that has a ghost of a chance to perpetuate the power of the Republican party in the control of the National Government. No man can be deceived in the policy of the Republican party in their endeavor to force this measure upon the people of the South.

In order to give their candidate a fighting chance, the State Republican convention was compelled to select a man whom the intelligent Republicans in the State would support, and to brace their leaders in Congress in the passage of the election bill, the bosses injected a resolution in the platform favoring the bill.

The platform makes Mr. BAXTER a champion of the Federal election bill whether he wants to or not, and every voter in Tennessee who votes for Mr. BAXTER next November says by that act that he favors the election bill now before Congress.

It is degrading to Mr. BAXTER and every honest and intelligent Republican in Tennessee, to thus be forced by a few corrupt and dishonest leaders of the party to support a measure that is disgusting to their true sentiments. But will the honest and intelligent element of the Republican party of Tennessee submit to corrupt "boss" rule and support Mr. BAXTER and the platform upon which he was nominated? Will even Mr. BAXTER continue a race to the finish under such circumstances?

There is no discounting the fact that the better element of the Republican party will not endorse the sentiments of HOOK, EVANS, etc.

## The Result.

The entire ticket was successful. All the nominees are elected by a handsome majority, that of Judge SCRUGGS being the smallest, which was the result of the united efforts of the Republicans, at the suggestion of their bosses, to defeat a man whose pure Democracy makes him hateful to them. They swapped votes and did everything in their power to defeat him. The deep laid scheme of the MOSES of modern times did not materialize, but it had its effect, as the law creating the office of county judge is a new thing in this county, and a few Democrats believed that by voting for Mr. BANE they were virtually voting to repeal the law. But they were too short. Mr. BANE's district, that has heretofore gone Republican, was carried by the Democrats from supreme judge to school commissioners. Judge SCRUGGS has had to carry everything, but he is the county judge for the next eight years, or until such time as the Democracy may deem it best for him to step down and out. MOSES' candidate carried two districts in the county. No man could have made a better race under existing circumstances than Judge B. C. SCRUGGS. The Democrats are happy, while the Republicans—well, they they can only take what the gods provide for them.

## Silver a Commodity for Speculation.

Congressional legislation has made silver a commodity for speculation. When silver was demonetized, speculators in that metal sprang up all over the country and reaped a rich harvest by their speculations, and the present attitude of Congress on the silver question has given new impetus to speculation. Over 1,250,000 ounces of silver bullion were shipped to London a few days ago, and a short while before the passage of the silver bill by the present Congress, 1,500,000 ounces of silver bullion were shipped from London to New York. Thus, silver is kept in bullion and shipped and re-shipped, and speculated upon just like any other commodity of commerce. In the good old days of Democratic rule, silver bullion was coined into the "dollars of the daddies," and every dollar thus coined was worth 100 cents and equal in value to gold, and was a par currency in trade and commerce. But the Republican leaders put their unholy hands on the precious metal, and the "dollars of the daddies" was made a base metal for speculators to trade on and become rich at the expense of the masses who liked them so well.

## William Kemmler Electrocuted.

The execution of WILLIAM KEMMLER Wednesday forenoon in the State prison at Albany, N. Y., was the first criminal ever legally electrocuted in the history of the world, and let us hope that it will be the last. The legislature of New York State had changed the law of execution of criminals condemned to capital punishment from hanging by the neck by a rope until dead, to death by electricity. WILLIAM KEMMLER was the first man condemned under the law, and the first to be executed by that method. Not only the inhabitants of the United States, but those of the civilized nations of the world, have awaited the result of KEMMLER's execution by the new method of disposing of criminals, adopted by New York State, in breathless anxiety. The deed was done Wednesday forenoon, and the world is horrified.

KEMMLER submitted like an ox on the shambles without a murmur of fear. When placed in the fatal chair, and the apparatus of death was being adjusted, he calmly

requested his executioners to take their time and adjust everything so as to avoid any mishap. The electricity was turned on three times before the man was killed. The breast heaved; the nails cut into the flesh; the flesh sizzled and smoked, and was burned into a crisp; the clothing caught on fire, and one of the witnesses fainted at the sickening sight. KEMMLER was a heartless wretch, and deserved death; he suffered the death penalty, but in a most horrible form.

If it is desired to make the death of a criminal so horrible that no one will dare do murder, electrocution should be universally adopted. If it is desirable to tincture executions with the milk of human kindness in the taking off of criminals, let us retain the old method of hanging by the neck.

THE Nashville Evening Herald has discharged its Union printers and adopted the use of plate matter. By this action the Herald does the Union printers great injustice, for had it not been for their co-operation in its establishment the probability is that it would have never lived through its infancy.

WITH W. P. MORRIS, JOHN P. LASHLEE, and ASA SWINDLE already in the field, and AMOS CORBETT, L. E. DAVIS, and A. J. SAUNDERS favorably spoken of as probable candidates to represent Benton County in the lower branch of the next General Assembly of Tennessee, we expect lively times between now and November.

## A Narrow Escape.

Late Saturday afternoon of last week Messrs. U. A. Potts and Will C. Davis secured a livery turn-out at this place and left for Big Sandy. All went well until about 9 o'clock, when within a mile or so of their destination, Mr. Potts advised Mr. Davis to drive a little to one side as the road was somewhat out of repair at that point. The warning was promptly heeded, Mr. Davis pulled on the lines and the next moment the horse was floundering up a steep embankment and the occupants of the buggy lay sprawling by the roadside. The horse ran about one hundred yards into a clump of undergrowth, and Mr. Davis is authority for the statement that the horse climbed a sapling in the vain endeavor to extricate himself from the undergrowth. No serious injury was sustained by either gentlemen, save a slight injury Mr. Davis received in the fall from the buggy. The buggy was almost a total wreck.

## Public Speaking.

Last Monday afternoon a large crowd assembled at the court house to hear the various candidates for county offices speak.

The house was called to order by J. H. Combs, who stated that the boys would address the populace.

The following candidates addressed the assembled multitude: W. A. Steele, jr., who had no opponent for the county clerkship; A. R. Brooks the Democratic nominee, and Zack Walker the Republican nominee for circuit court clerk; E. G. Flowers and Harve Aden, Democratic and Republican candidates for sheriff; B. F. Davidson and J. T. Bowles, candidates for register; W. J. Barnes, who had no opponent for the office of trustee; B. C. Scruggs, the Democratic nominee for county judge, whose opponent was G. B. Bane; Col. W. P. Morris, and Hon. John P. Lashlee, candidates for the legislature, addressed the crowd at considerable length on affairs of State, and were followed by Asa Swindle, also a candidate for the legislature. J. M. Castile announced his candidacy for the State senate.

The candidates spoke at Faxon Tuesday, and wound up at Big Sandy Tuesday evening.

## From Areadne.

Regular correspondence.]

A series of meetings will commence at Hall's Valley next Sunday.

H. H. Pierce and A. L. Hassell visited friends on Lick Creek yesterday.

The late rains have improved the crop prospects wonderfully in this section of the county.

The school near this place is in a prosperous condition under the management of R. S. Harrison.

Several from this place attended the revival services at Flat Woods Church (Methodist Episcopal Church, South,) yesterday. A great deal of interest is being manifested in the meetings at that place, and we trust much good will result therefrom.

August 4, 1890.

## From Hustburgh, Tenn.

Regular correspondence.]

Several cases of typhoid fever are reported by our local physician.

Miss Amelia Odom has returned from Frankfort, Ill., where she has been spending the summer with relatives and friends.

James Norman killed a copperhead snake near this place a few days since that measured 12 inches in circumference.

The citizens of this place are in fine spirits. We have just been blessed with a fine rain, which was badly needed. Crops were getting very dry in this section of old Humphreys.

Some of the boys have been hustling around with their "grips" with an air of mysteriousness that has somewhat aroused our curiosity. We propose doing a little detective work.

August 2, 1890.

## From Flat Woods.

Regular correspondence.]

Horace Berry went to Camden Saturday on important business.

Mrs. Celia Walker, of Metropolis, Ill., is visiting relatives and friends in Flat Woods.

R. A. Luter took charge of the public school at the Water's school-house last Monday.

The weather continues dry, and it is estimated that the yield for corn will not average a half crop.

James Cagle has returned from a visit at Metropolis, Ill. He says the condition of crops in Illinois will compare favorably with those of Tennessee.

While cutting wood a few days ago, John Wheatley accidentally cut his foot. The wound is a very painful one, but with proper attention no serious results are likely to occur.

John Berry, of Beaverdam Creek, has moved his family to Flat Woods. We welcome Mr. Berry as a citizen among us, and will extend a warm welcome to other good citizens who may choose to locate in our midst.

August 2, 1890.

## From Fairview.

Regular correspondence.]

D. H. Van Huss has been out on several surveying tours during the past few weeks.

Rev. Mr. Blakeley will begin a series of revival meetings at Mt. Vinson Church next Sunday.

An infant child of Andrew Melton has been quite sick, but we are glad to state is now convalescent.

Since we have had several good rains in this neighborhood the crop prospects are much better, and the farmers are rejoicing.

Moody Pierce and family, of McKenzie, visited relatives and friends here and attended the meetings at Pleasant Ridge last week.

Revival meetings have been going on at the Pleasant Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at which the members were greatly revived and quite a number of people professed religion.

Rev. Mr. Hayes and daughter, of Carroll County, visited his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Beaton, Sunday. They leave for home to-day, very favorably impressed with the kindness of the people in this part of the county.

It is to be hoped that a full Democratic vote will be polled next Thursday, and the ticket elected in every county in the State. Our people will be satisfied with Hon. John P. Buchanan as the next Governor of Tennessee.

During an electric storm which occurred last Friday, while Mrs. N. E. Van Huss and daughter, Mrs. Mary Melton, and an infant child were sitting near the doorway, a thunder bolt struck a shade tree in the yard, tearing off one side of the top and splitting the trunk of the tree, the electric current passing down into the ground tearing up the earth for some 6 feet along the surface without any perceptible injury to the inmates of the house further than a slight shock to their nerves.

August 4, 1890.

## HON. JOHN P. BUCHANAN.

Below we give a few of the many expressions from the Democratic press of the State in regard to Mr. Buchanan's nomination for Governor:

Mr. Buchanan is the choice of the farmers, and if we had no other reason for supporting him that alone is enough.—Troy Press.

Mr. Buchanan is a good man, a good Democrat, a genuine farmer, and will be Tennessee's next Governor as sure as grass grows and water runs.—Obion Democrat.

Well, its Buck, the "hay-seed" now. Before the nomination it was Alliance candidate. After November it will be Governor Buchanan.—Murfreesboro Home Journal.

The Hon. J. P. Buchanan will show up in the November election the greatest victory for Democracy in Tennessee that she has ever known.—Franklin Review and Journal.

The work of the convention seems to give general satisfaction and the friends of the other aspirants for Governor are falling into line and will heartily support Mr. Buchanan.—Sparta Expositor.

The people were for Buchanan and the people will see to it that he is elected Governor of the State by one of the grandest Democratic votes ever known in the history of the State. Hurrah for the people!—Trenton Democrat.

No Democrat in Tennessee can refuse to support Mr. Buchanan. His Democracy is untainted and his character as a man is above reproach. The fact that he is a farmer and not a professional politician is in his favor.—Greenville Democrat.

The recent Democratic State convention was the largest convention ever held in Tennessee, and the nominee of that convention will be elected at the November election by one of the largest majorities ever heard of in Tennessee.—Lynchburg Falcon.

We take pleasure in saying that he is an upright, honest, intelligent gentleman and will be able to cope with any Republican in the State, and will bring to bear in the canvass a degree of energy and intelligence that will be gratifying to the party.—Cookeville Press.

Buchanan has all the strength of the organized Democracy in the State behind him and all the force and power of the organized State and County Alliances, and these represent in overwhelming numbers the organized intelligence of Tennessee.—Memphis Commercial.

We know his heart is big enough to take in all classes, and that his administration of affairs will be of such a character as to redound to his lasting fame and great advantage to the whole State over which he will be called to preside and which he loves so well.—Lebanon Register.

Mr. Buchanan is not the candidate of the Farmers' Alliance, but of the Democratic party, and as such is entitled to the support of every Democrat in Tennessee. He is an honest and capable man, and, when elected, as he is sure to be, will make a good Governor.—Johnson City Comet.

While Mr. Buchanan is identified with the interest of agriculture, he is a broad-gauged man and will make just as good a Governor for all other classes. The more we think about it the stronger grows the conviction that his nomination was the best that could have been made under all the circumstances.—Chattanooga News.

The nominee for Governor, Hon. John P. Buchanan, is a gentleman well worthy of the distinguished honor which has been conferred upon him. He is a sound Democrat, and has a record that is above reproach. His nomination has given great satisfaction throughout the State and he will be elected by a large majority.—Brownsville States-Democrat.

The nomination of Hon. John P. Buchanan for Governor will bring out the largest vote that has been cast in Obion County in many years. There are about forty-five hundred Democratic voters in this county. The "stay-at-home" vote is almost entirely rural, and we believe that the farmers will turn out to a man on election day and vote for Buchanan.—Kenton Argus.

Mr. Buchanan is the Democratic nominee for Governor of Tennessee. That he will be elected goes without saying. He had a great popular following, and he will no doubt poll the largest vote ever given to a gubernatorial candidate in this State. He is known as the "farmers' friend," and will gain additional strength as the labor candidate of the Farmers' and Laborers' Union of Tennessee.—Chattanooga Times.